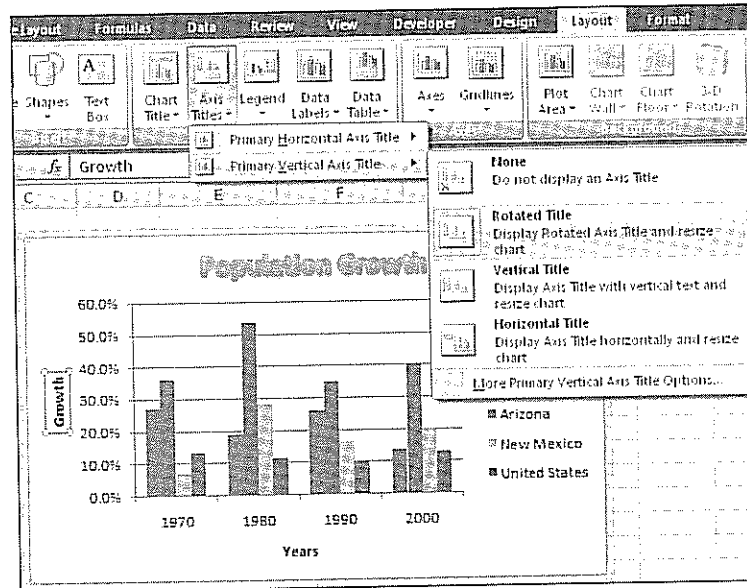


ADDING LABELS TO AXES

If the nature of your axes is not clear, you can add a title to any available axis. As shown in Figure 22.26, use the Axis Titles drop-down list on the Chart Tools Layout ribbon to add an axis label. For the vertical axis, you can choose to display the axis horizontally, vertically, or rotated. In all cases, adding an axis label will cause the size of the chart plot area to be reduced. After the axis label is added, you can type text and format the text in the same manner as described previously for the chart titles.

Figure 22.26
Excel offers several axis rotation options.



ADDING OR EDITING A LEGEND

A chart legend identifies each data marker according to its color or pattern on a chart. Options in the Legend drop-down list let you move or reformat the legend. If you don't need to show a legend (perhaps because you want to label each column or pie slice individually), choose the None option. The Placement options control where the legend first appears within the chart: Right, Top, Left, Bottom, Overlay Right, and Overlay Left.

For better control, you can drag the legend into position. In Excel 2007, the default legend has no line and a transparent fill. This makes it annoyingly difficult to drag the legend. It is best if you click the invisible right edge of the legend when you attempt to drag it.